

BULK SPECIFIC GRAVITY AND MOISTURE DETERMINATION
(Rock, Gravel, Shale, Soil Clods, etc.)

Location _____ Date _____

Watershed _____ Subwatershed _____ Site _____

Contract No. _____ Contractor _____

Tested by _____ Computed by _____ Checked by _____

Moisture Determination

1. Weight of moist sample plus container _____ g
2. Weight of dry sample plus container _____ g
3. Weight of container _____ g
4. Weight of dry sample = (2) - (3) _____ g
5. Moisture content = $\frac{(1) - (2)}{(4)} \times 100$ _____ %

Bulk specific gravity—method A—hard, sound rock or gravel

6. Weight of container (basket) or cord in air _____ g
7. Weight of container (basket) or cord in water _____ g
8. Weight of sample, natural moisture, plus basket in air _____ g
9. Weight of sample, natural moisture, in air = (8) - (6) _____ g
10. Weight of sample, saturated, plus basket in air _____ g
11. Weight of sample, saturated, in air = (10) - (6) _____ g
12. Weight of sample, saturated, plus basket in water _____ g
13. Weight of sample, saturated, in water = (12) - (7) _____ g
14. Volume of sample by weight = $\frac{(11) - (13)}{(14)}$ or measured volume _____ cm³
15. Bulk specific gravity, natural moisture (G_{mm}) = $\frac{(9)}{(14)}$ _____ g/cm³
16. Bulk specific gravity, oven-dry (G_m) = $\frac{(4)}{(14)}$ _____ g/cm³
17. Bulk density, natural moisture (γ_m) = (16) × 62.4 _____ lb/ft³
18. Bulk density, oven-dry (γ_d) = (15) × 62.4 _____ lb/ft³

Bulk specific gravity—method B—materials that disintegrate in water

19. Weight of sample in air _____ g
20. Weight of sample plus wax in air _____ g
21. Weight of wax in air = (20) - (19) _____ g
22. Weight of sample plus wax in water _____ g
23. Volume of sample plus wax by weight = $\frac{(20) - (22)}{(21)}$ or measured volume _____ cm³
24. Volume of wax = $\frac{(21)}{\text{specific gravity of wax}}$ _____ cm³
25. Volume of sample = (23) - (24) _____ cm³
26. Bulk specific gravity, natural moisture (G_{mm}) = $\frac{(19)}{(25)}$ _____ g/cm³
27. Bulk specific gravity, oven-dry (G_m) = $\frac{(26)}{[(1/(5))100]}$ _____ g/cm³
28. Bulk density, natural moisture (γ_m) = (26) × 62.4 _____ lb/ft³
29. Bulk density, oven-dry (γ_d) = (27) × 62.4 _____ lb/ft³